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Upcoming Elections

No Federal Elections Scheduled

Please mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the recommended mailing dates section in Chapter 1 for details.

Important information

What is UOCAVA?	The <i>Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act</i> is commonly referred to as <i>UOCAVA</i> . <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens are U.S. citizens who are active members of the Uniformed Services, the Merchant Marine, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, their eligible family members and other U.S. citizens residing outside the United States. The law provides the legal basis for absentee voting requirements for federal offices.
What is the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA)?	The FPCA (federal form SF 76) allows <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens to register to vote and request an absentee ballot. This form is also used to update your contact information.
What is the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)?	The FWAB (federal form SF 186) serves as an emergency backup ballot for <i>UOCAVA</i> citizens. If you do not receive your absentee ballot from your State in time to return it to your election official to participate in the election, use the FWAB.
What is the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS)*?	The DoD ETS allows you to email or fax your election materials toll-free. To email your election materials using ETS, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or online at FVAP.gov and email to ETS@FVAP.gov. To fax your election materials using ETS, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or online at FVAP.gov and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found in the Appendix of the Voting Assistance Guide or online at FVAP.gov. * <i>DISCLAIMER: The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) provides an Electronic Transmission Service to assist you with transmitting your election materials. FVAP does not guarantee the acceptance or processing of your materials by your election official. As a user of this service, we encourage you to contact your election official directly to verify whether your information was received timely.</i>
What is the Prepaid Mail Label 11- DoD?	<i>Overseas Uniformed Service members</i> can use this label for general election absentee ballots. It provides free express mail service to your election official for general election absentee ballots. You can request to have a Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD applied to your absentee ballot at Military Postal Office locations (APO/FPO). A portion of the label is kept by you for tracking your absentee ballot through the U.S. postal service.

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What is a primary election?	A primary election is an election held before the general election to determine the candidates that can be placed on the general election ballot.
I am an American citizen, but I have never lived in the U.S., can I vote in this State?	A U.S. citizen who has never resided in the U.S. and has a parent or legal guardian that was last domiciled in Maine is eligible to vote in Maine.
I am a National Guardsman activated on State orders; does my State afford me UOCAVA privileges?	Yes.
How can I check the status of my ballot?	You can check the status of your absentee ballot here: https://www1.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/ballot-status.pl
Does my State have any online tools?	You can see if your State has any online tools available here: http://www.fvap.gov/maine

Registering and requesting your absentee ballot

Under federal law, the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for a minimum of all federal elections in the current calendar year. Be sure to complete a new FPCA each year and every time your address changes.

Complete the following blocks of the FPCA

Block 1	Select the category that best describes you.		"I do not have a social security number or State issued ID number."
Block 2	To vote in primary elections, you must enter the name of the party ballot you want to receive. Political party affiliation is not required if requesting an absentee ballot for general elections.	Block 5	Your contact information is recommended so your election official can contact you if they need additional information from you in order to accept your FPCA. If you want to receive your absentee ballot by email/online or fax, you must provide your email address or fax number.
Block 3	Enter your current name (Last, First). If you are registered under a different name, provide this information in the previous name area.	Block 6	You can receive your absentee ballot by mail, email/online or fax. Rank your preferred method of receiving your absentee ballot.
Block 4	Your date of birth is required. You must provide either a State issued ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have either of these numbers you must enter in Block 9:	Block 7	Enter the complete street address of your voting residence. You cannot use a post office box mailing address. If your address is a rural route, use Block 9 to describe the location of your voting residence.
		Block 8	Enter your current mailing address, even if you are requesting your ballot by email/online or fax. If you want your election materials sent to a different address or have a forwarding address, use Block 9 to provide this information.
		Block 9	Provide any information that may assist your election official in accepting this form. You can use this space to designate particular elections or the period you wish to

receive ballots.

Affirmation	Sign and date. No witness signature required.
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How and where to submit your FPCA

You can submit the FPCA by **mail**, **email** or **fax**. Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section or online at FVAP.gov.

Mail your FPCA: Once your FPCA is complete, mail your FPCA directly to your election official.

E-Mail your FPCA: Scan the signed FPCA into your computer. Be sure to also include the Electronic Transmission Sheet. Email this package directly to your election official. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS)* to email your FPCA. Information about ETS can be found in the "Important Information" section or online at FVAP.gov.

Fax your FPCA: Fax your FPCA directly to your election official. Be sure to also include the Electronic Transmission Sheet. You may use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS)* to fax your FPCA toll-free. Instructions for ETS are in the "Important Information" section or online at FVAP.gov.

To find out the status of your FPCA, contact your election official. Your election official will contact you if your FPCA is not accepted.

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Voting your ballot

Once you receive your absentee ballot from your State it must be returned according to the deadlines and requirements in the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart. For special federal elections, visit FVAP.gov for specific deadlines.

You can submit the State absentee ballot by **mail**, **email** or **fax**. Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section. You may use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS)* to fax your ballot. *Overseas Uniformed Service members* can request to have the Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD

applied to the general election ballot. Additional information about this label can be found in the "Important Information" section.

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Haven't received your ballot? Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot

The FWAB can be used to register to vote. If you are using the FWAB to register, it **must** be received by the registration deadline listed in the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart.

You can use the FWAB to vote in all elections for federal and State offices as well as ballot measures.

Complete the following blocks of the FWAB's voter declaration/affirmation

Block 1	Check this box if you would like to register to vote and/or request an absentee ballot.
Block 2	Select the category that best describes you.
Block 3	Enter your current name (Last, First). If you are registered under a different name, provide this information in the previous name area.
Block 4	Your date of birth is required. You must provide either a State issued ID number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have either of these numbers you must enter in Block 9: "I do not have a social security number or State issued ID number."
Block 5	Your contact information is recommended so your election official can contact you if they need additional information from you to accept your FWAB.

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Block 6	To vote in primary elections, you must enter the name of the party primary in which you are voting. Political party affiliation is not required if voting an absentee ballot in general elections.
Block 7	Enter the complete street address of your voting residence. You cannot use a post office box mailing address. If your address is a rural route, use Block 9 to describe the location of your voting residence.
Block 8	Enter your current mailing address. If you want your election materials sent to a different address or have a forwarding address, use Block 9 for this information.
Block 9	Provide any information that may assist the election official in accepting this form. You can use this space to designate particular elections or the period you wish to receive ballots, as well as the method in which you would like to receive your ballot.
Affirmation	Sign and date. No witness signature required.

Vote your FWAB

To vote, write in either a candidate's name or political party for each office. You are not required to make a selection for each and every contest.

How and where to submit your FWAB

You can submit the FWAB by **mail**, **email** or **fax**. Contact information can be found in the "Local Election Offices" section or online at FVAP.gov.

Mail your FWAB: Once your FWAB is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal the envelope. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope. Insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/ Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to your election official. *Overseas Uniformed Service members* can request to have the Prepaid Mail Label 11-DoD applied to the general election ballot. Additional information about this label can be found in the "Important Information" section or online at FVAP.gov.

Email your FWAB: Scan the signed Voter's Declaration/Affirmation and the FWAB into your computer. Be sure to also include the Electronic Transmission Sheet with secrecy waiver. Email this ballot package directly to your election official. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS)* to email your FWAB. Information about ETS can be found in the "Important Information" section or online at FVAP.gov.

Fax your FWAB: Fax your FWAB directly to your election official. Be sure to include your ballot, signed Voter Declaration/Affirmation and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service (ETS)* to fax your FWAB toll-free. Instructions for ETS are in the "Important Information" section or online at FVAP.gov.

See the "Federal Election Deadlines" chart for the deadline for submitting the FWAB. If you receive the State absentee ballot after transmitting your voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State absentee ballot. If both are received by the deadline, only the State absentee ballot will be counted.

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Local election offices for all

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All	Bureau of Corporations, Elections, and Commissions Division of Elections Augusta, ME 04333-0101 Phone: (207) 624-7650 Fax: (207) 287-5428 Email: UOCAVA.CEC@maine.gov